

# Lassoed by Love



Leo Carrillo plays Cupid to Nino Martini, famous singing star, and his lovely leading lady, Ida Lupino, in "The Gay Desperado," opening next Wednesday at the Torrance theatre.

Something decidedly different in pictures with music comes to the Torrance theatre next Wednesday when "The Gay Desperado" begins a four-day engagement with Nino Martini, great singing star of radio, opera and films in the title role, and Ida Lupino and Leo Carrillo in supporting parts.

A gay, colorful romance laid below the Rio Grande, this second offering of the newly-formed Mary Pickford-Jesse L. Lasky producing company completely discards the usual backstage plot formula for pictures featuring famous songbirds and presents a thrill-packed, action-filled, fast-moving film story.

The handsome Martini is said to give a great performance as the gay, swashbuckling Chivo, whose glorious voice causes him to be kidnapped by a Mexican bandit chieftain (Carrillo), who adopts American gangster methods, but is really a sentimental, music-loving fellow at heart.

## H. S. Choir Sings For Kiwanis Club

Five Christmas song numbers which will be sung during the Yuletide musicale program to be given next Wednesday evening in the civic auditorium were presented at the Kiwanis Club dinner-meeting Monday night by the high school choir, directed by Mrs. Marjorie Eischen.

The choir of 25 voices achieved a power and spirit whose spontaneity was infectious. Every number drew much applause from the clubmen and the presentation indicated that the coming Christmas observance will be well worth any resident's attention.

## SCHOOL PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

Narbonne Juniors Present "Growing Pains"

"Growing Pains," a play centered around the troubles of young people while growing up, will be presented Friday night, Dec. 11, at 8 p. m., by the junior class of Narbonne high school. An admission fee of 25 cents is being charged.

This popular comedy-drama is being directed by Miss Lolo Kerns, dramatics and public speaking teacher. The leading roles of Terry, a little tomboy who tries to become a lady, and her brother, George, are being played by Evelyn Williams and Jack Hixson.

Madeline Groover has been cast as Prudence, the sophisticated "vamp," while Terry's boy friend, Brian Stanley, will be enacted by Bert Hamilton. Russell Biegel and Evelyn Young will portray the parts of Professor and Mrs. McIntyre, the parents of Terry and George.

Minor roles have been assigned as follows: Marjorie Long as Mrs. Patterson; Pauline Egenes as Elsie Patterson; Chester McMillion, Dutch; Claude Kincaannon, Omar; Winnell Clayton, traffic officer; Paul Whitacre, Pete; Leonard Main, Hal; Betty Lou Powers, Patty; Elsie Clayton, Jane; Esaline Billaud, Miriam; Eva Agren, Vivian; Pauline Edwards, Sophie the maid.

Safest City Sought SAN FRANCISCO. (U.P.)—California's safety council will endeavor to signalize the "safest city" in the state.

# Singing Star in Gay Romance

## Martini Has Fine Role In Musicomedy

Starring Nino Martini, famed opera and radio singer, Leo Carrillo and Ida Lupino, "The Gay Desperado" opens Sunday at the Fox Plaza theatre in Hawthorne for a three-day engagement. This colorful romance presents Martini in the role of a light-hearted singer.

He is kidnapped by Carrillo, who plays a Mexican bandit leader who has adopted American gangster methods. However, sentiment—particularly music—makes him a good fellow.

Carrillo also kidnaps an American millionaire's weakling son, played by James Blakeley, and his sweetheart, Ida Lupino. Determined to do the thing right, Carrillo calls in his idol of the American underworld, Public Enemy 3, to handle the ransom negotiations.

Martini and Ida Lupino fall in love and he manages to escape



Nino Martini and Ida Lupino love in bandit lair

and effect the release of Blakeley thru a radio plea directed straight at the heart of the sentimental Carrillo.

The music written especially for the film includes "The World Is Mine Tonight," and "Adios Mi Tierra." The highlight of the operatic music is the Verdi aria, "Celeste Aida." Martini also sings three famous Mexican songs, "Cielita Linda," "Lamento Gitano" and "Estrellita."

## Christmas Fetes At Schools Planned

Christmas programs will be presented in the special rooms of the Torrance elementary school next Wednesday afternoon, it was announced today. The public is cordially invited to attend the annual Yuletide entertainment which will be given in the auditorium at 12:30 o'clock. Mrs. Lila Dellessegues is in charge of the program arrangements.

Band music, community singing, presentation of gift boxes and canned goods to the local Red Cross, and the singing of Spanish songs will be features at the junior high assembly to be given Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Narbonne high school during home-room period. All senior high students are also invited to be present at this last assembly before the Christmas holidays.

The first half of the program will be presented by the junior high. The second half of the program is to be offered by the senior high entertainment. Rose Tapie, girls' vice president of the student body, is in charge of the senior high entertainment.

## Big Poultry Show Will Open Dec. 17

The annual mid-winter Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit show will be held in the Pasadena civic auditorium, Dec. 17 to 20. Poultrymen and fanciers are grooming their birds for this attractive event, and for the many special awards that are being offered in addition to the cash prizes.

The premium list, with more than special awards, has been sent to the breeders. There will be an additional list of awards posted in the showroom at the opening of the show.

## Klavaliers to Hold State Meet Here

A meeting of the state ways and means officers of the Klavaliers, military order, will be held in Torrance Sunday at the former Legion hall, 1741 Border avenue.

According to J. L. Archer of this city, who is in charge of the assembly, representatives are expected from all Klavalier lodges in the state and many officials of the order are to attend the all-day session.

## GALAXY OF STARS



These fascinating four look for romance in "Ladies In Love," opening tonight at the Torrance theatre. Top center, Janet Gaynor, and bottom (left to right), Loretta Young, Simone Simon and Constance Bennett, the most unusual combination of feminine personalities ever to appear in one film.

With the most exciting and brilliant star combination ever to appear in one picture, "Ladies In Love" opens tonight at the Torrance theatre, a bitter-sweet romance of four lonesome, lovely girls, and their adventures in search of love.

A quartet of Hollywood's most famous feminine personalities, Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young, Constance Bennett and Simone Simon, appears in the film, with the cast featuring Don Ameche, Paul Lukas, Tyrone Power, Jr., and Alan Mowbray.

Of the four lovely ladies, one gambles for love and loses, one gambles and wins, one asks for love and gets it, love asks for the fourth—too late.

Janet, Loretta and Constance, modern young ladies all, have pooled their resources and taken a small apartment, where they eagerly plan for the romances they intend to have.

## Children's Club Sponsors Show

A motion picture show at the civic auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 12, is being sponsored by the Get-Together Club. Starting at 7:30 o'clock, a feature, "The Healer," featuring Ralph Bellamy, Karen Morley and Mickey Rooney, and a comedy, will be screened.

Last Saturday night the children's club sponsored the appearance of the Gold Star Rangers at the auditorium. The proceeds will be used for recreational activities by the group which motored to Venice last Friday night to enjoy an evening in the Fun House there. About 50 boys and girls participated in the festivities. They are now planning a swimming party at the Redondo Beach plunge tomorrow night.

SAFE CHRISTMAS A Christmas suggestion—for your own protection drive a bit more slowly and carefully during the holiday season.

## Half a \$1000 Bill is Worth Half a Stamp

Half a loaf, according to the sages, is better than none. But one half of a thousand dollar bill is not worth any more than half a postage stamp. "Two In a Crowd," the romantic comedy drama which opens at the Torrance theatre Sunday, is the rollicking tale of two young moderns who start without even half a loaf. Where they go from that point, and how they finish, is told in the diverting screen story.

The principal characters in this Universal film offering, portrayed by Joan Bennett and Joel McCrea, each find half of a torn thousand dollar bill. It has been whisked out of a window during the course of a wild New Year's Eve party, where money flies about faster than the wine, and wine flows like Niagara.

After the pair find the divided currency, they bring it back to par value by pasting the bank

note together. In joining their fortunes, they also interweave their lives. Then they proceed to get themselves into a maze of tangled situations, madder by the minute.

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